Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company Docket No. D.T.E. 02-24/25

Responses to the Attorney General's Seventh Set of Information Requests

Request No. AG-7-19 (Gas)

Please provide the test year amount of capacity release margins. Include all supporting documentation, calculations and assumptions. Provide the amount of the capacity release margins retained by the Company. Please reconcile this amount to the capacity release margins credited to customers through the CGA or LDAC during the test year. Include a copy of the Department's order authorizing the Company to share these margins.

Response:

All attachments are provided in response to Request No. AG-7-17 (Gas).

Please refer to Attachment 1 AG-7-17 for the calculation of the Gas Division's capacity release margin for 2001. The Gas Division calculated a capacity release margin of \$45,324 for 2001. As shown on Attachment 2 AG-7-17, the calculation of capacity release margin sharing, the Gas Division retained \$0 margin during the year 2001. All capacity release margins were credited to the CGA without any offset for margin sharing. Therefore, the entire capacity release margin of \$45,324 was returned to the Gas Division's firm sales customers via the CGAC.

Attachment 3 AG-7-17 provides the Department's February 14, 1996 Order authorizing the Gas Division to share margins.

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